

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
MERLE L. MILLER  
  
Serial No.: 09/752,167  
  
Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2000  
  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
RINGING

Group Art Unit: 2614  
  
Examiner: ALEXANDER JAMAL  
  
Conf. No.: 8941  
  
Atty. Dkt.: 2069.008600/TT3776  
  
CUSTOMER NO.: 23720

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

**Mail Stop Issue Fee**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Office Mailed a Notice of Allowance on June 2, 2010, allowing all of the pending claims 9-12, 19-22. The due date for paying the Issue Fee is September 2, 2010. This paper is being filed on September 1, 2010, therefore it is timely filed.

It appears that, for convenience, the Examiner has paraphrased the claimed language in the Reasons for Allowance. While the Applicant understands the Examiner's desire to use convenient phraseology, the Applicant notes that the proper scope of the claims should be governed based on the express language of the claims themselves in the event there is any inconsistency (actual or perceived) between the claimed language and the Examiner's paraphrasing. Furthermore, words used in the Examiner's paraphrasing should not be construed as claim limitations if the claims themselves do not include the language referenced by the Examiner. Other references or characterizations made by the Examiner in his Reasons for Allowance that are not present in the claims are not to be construed as limitations.

The intended respective scopes of the claims are defined by the respective languages recited in the claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, **the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney** at the Houston, Texas telephone number (713) 934-4069.

Respectfully submitted,

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